

Domestic Relations Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes
August 20, 2010

The Domestic Relations Committee at the Indiana Judicial Center from 10:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. on Friday, August 20, 2010.

1. Members present. Craig J. Bobay, Frances G. Hill, Sheryl L. Lynch, Lynn Murray, Debbie J. Shook, and Dean A. Young, Chair Pro Tem, were present.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. Lindsey Borschel, Web Coordinator, and Daryl Stites, Web Application Developer, Division of State Court Administration; Amy Crozier; Bob Monday, PACE; Stuart Showalter, Indiana Custodial Rights Advocates, were also present.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes for the committee on July 16, 2010 were approved by the committee.

5. Review of Parenting Time Guidelines.

a. Committee members discussed summer vacation, and cooperation and use of calendar and made draft revisions to the parenting time guidelines. No revisions were made to relocation.

b. Committee members agreed to revisions in the schedule below:

(1)	Holiday schedule	Schurger/Lynch	Completed
(2)	Weekends generally/three weekends	Schurger/Lynch	Completed
(3)	Summer vacation	Lynch/Fee	Completed
(4)	Relocation	Bobay	Completed
(5)	PTG helps plan ahead/use of calendar/tone of cooperation	Fee/Hill	Completed
(6)	Scheduled Parenting Time To Occur as Planned	Love/Fee	October 22, 2010
(7)	Enforcement of Parenting Time/Enforcement on a Timely Basis/Contempt/Resolution of Problems	Love/Fee	October 22, 2010
(8)	Presume More Time for Noncustodial Parent (NCP)/Protection of NCP rights/Overnights/Overnights for Infants	Raduenz/Young/Fee	Nov. 18-19, 2010
(9)	Equal Parenting Time	Raduenz/Young	Nov. 18-19, 2010
(10)	Distance, Out-of-state Parenting Time	Bobay/Hill	Nov. 18-19, 2010
(11)	Transportation issues in state	Bobay/Hill	Nov. 18-19, 2010
(12)	Family Violence/Child Abuse	Bobay/Hill	January 21, 2011
(13)	One parents speaks negative of other/Alienation	Shook/Stalbrink	January 21, 2011
(14)	Communication generally/communication about education/Medical/virtual parenting time	Shook/Stalbrink	January 21, 2011
(15)	PTG for special needs child(ren)	Fee/Hill	Feb. 18, 2011
(16)	Opportunity for Additional Parenting Time	Murray/Love	Feb. 18, 2011
(17)	Make up time	Bobay	March 18, 2011

c. Jeffrey Bercovitz agreed to continue to explore funding of overnights with the Department of Child Services.

6. Child Support Guidelines Calculator.

a. Members of the committee discussed a child support “estimator” in which a court could quickly calculate child support. The only forms they needed were the CSOW and HIPW with the estimate printed on the forms. It could even be noted on these forms “Estimate-Not Valid for Use in Court.” Lindsey Borschel agreed to return to the committee at their October meeting to discuss a child support estimator.

b. Lindsey Borschel demonstrated the downloadable calculator to the members of the committee. Jeff Bercovitz agreed to forward a link to the committee members to test out the calculator and return comments and questions to Lindsey Borschel.

c. Lindsey Borschel discussed the logic of how to get Social Security Disability income and indicate the calculation of its credit on the worksheet to address this concern. Members of the committee discussed the display of this calculation on the Child Support Obligation Worksheet.

c. Jeffrey Bercovitz reported JTAC, through Lindsey Borschel and Judge Fee would conduct a session at the September Judicial Conference showing the various features on the suite of Indiana’s child support calculators with laptops for conferees to use during the session. She agreed to discuss the differences between the three calculators and focus her remarks on the downloadable one.

7. Future meeting dates. Members of the committee agreed to meet again on Friday, October 22 and Thursday, November 18 from 10:30 – 4:00 p.m. and Friday, November 19, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and January 21, February 18, March 18, May 20, July 15, August 19, and October 21, 2011, all on a Friday from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at the Indiana Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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